ABSTRACT

A method of encoding digital representations of works
comprises the following steps: providing a digital repre-
5   sentation of a work, and removing pieces of information
from said digital representation in a predetermined
pattern. The method provides for an identification of
digital representations which is virtually impossible to
locate and remove. In a particularly preferred
10   embodiment, the predetermined pattern is repeated, making
removal thereof from an illegal copy virtually
impossible. A method for decoding digital representations
of works and apparatuses for performing encoding and
decoding of digital representations of works are also
15   provided.

(FIG. 5)